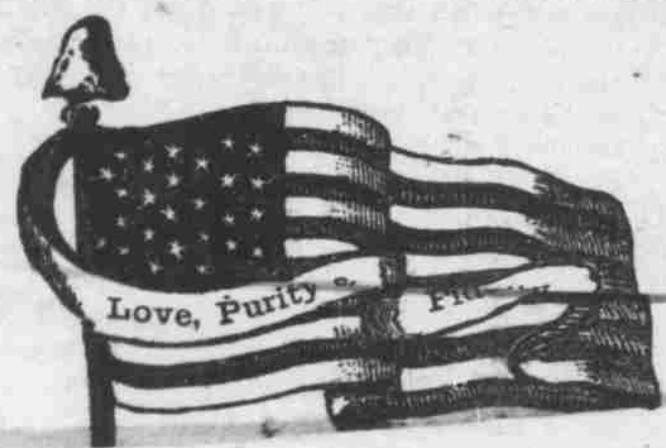


ed, the effect of which was, the audience was convulsed with laughter.

The hour being late, the procession formed again, and after performing a variety of evolutions, with their beautiful variegated torch lights, marched back to the Division room, where they separated and retired to their homes; each one no doubt, cherishing in his heart, a warmer feeling of interest and devotion to the Order, and with the conviction that the celebration at Gold Hill on that day and night, will constitute a bright and significant page in the future history of our Order.—*Sal. Watch.*

TEMPERANTIA.

SPIRIT OF THE AGE.



OFFICE ONE HUNDRED YARDS
SOUTH-WEST of the COURTHOUSE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1850.

Close of the Volume.

The present number closes the first volume of the Spirit of the Age. Commenced under very discouraging circumstances, and with many doubts and fears of success, we have pushed zealously on, until our efforts have been crowned with unexpected success, and we close the volume with the prospect of increased usefulness for the future, in the good cause in which we have been engaged. For the unexampled prosperity which has attended our Paper, we feel that we are largely indebted to the kind exertions of our friends, and to whom we return our most grateful acknowledgements.

In reviewing our course for the past year, we have much to stimulate us to renewed exertions for the future, and we here promise to exert what ability, energy and enterprise we can command, to the permanent success of our glorious cause.—Our new volume will commence in an enlarged form, when we hope to so diversify our matter, as to make the Spirit of the Age acceptable to the general reader, as well as the members of the Order. Now is the time to subscribe! To single subscribers our terms are \$1 50 per annum, and to Clubs of 5 and upwards, \$1 each—making it decidedly the cheapest, as we intend to try and present subscribers, unless a discontinuance is ordered; and by way of information as to the expiration of the subscription year, we shall direct the last number of each with red ink or pencil. We hope all our present patrons will try us another year; and those of them who will send us \$3 will be entitled to three copies, addressed to whomsoever they may order.

P. S. The materials for enlarging and improving our Paper, have been on the way for near a month, but at our latest advices they had not arrived at Petersburg. This unexpected and provoking delay may prevent us from appearing next week in our new dress, though we still hope they may arrive in time.

Revivals of Religion.

An extensive revival of Religion has been going on for some two or three weeks, at Mount Moriah Church, in this County. We attended on Sabbath last, and were gratified to learn that some 80 or 90 had professed conversion, and many more were inquiring the way of Life Immortal. We are also informed that extensive revivals are in progress at Cedar Fork, in this County, and Haywood's Meeting House, in Franklin. All these Churches are connected with the Baptist denomination. Considerable interest is also being manifested at Pleasant Spring Church, a few miles south of this City, where a protracted meeting is now being held by the Christian denomination.

Refreshing Rains.

After perhaps the longest season of hot and dry weather known to "the oldest inhabitant," we have been visited during the past week with several copious and refreshing rains, causing the heads of man, beast and vegetation to raise their heads in thankfulness. Though late, we trust they have come in time to revive the suffering crops, and cause better filled granaries than was anticipated a week or two since.

Our Cotemporaries.

The Raleigh Times and Deaf Mute, and the Communicator at Fayetteville, are all making arrangements for improving their respective sheets. The Standard and the Times contemplate issuing semi-weekly papers after the 1st of November.—Messrs. Lemay & Son having discontinued the North Carolina Farmer, for want of sufficient patronage, give notice that they will endeavor to make the Star interesting to the Agricultural reader, by the publication of original and selected articles on this important subject. And last, but not least, the ample columns of the Register continue to be occupied with the latest Telegraphic and other interesting intelligence. Success to all.

—The case of small pox which occurred in Fayetteville recently, did not terminate fatally—no new case has occurred.

True Courage.

What is true courage, and in what doth it consist? In boldly bidding defiance to the laws of God and man and challenging your fellow to meet in mortal combat upon the ensanguined plain of murder, *christianized* by the *chivalrous* title of the "FIELD OF HONOR"? Is he truly courageous, and does he manifest the principle of *bravery*, that rejoices over the misfortunes of innocence and weakness, and joins in the popular shout of approval of measures which carry sorrow and ruin to the once happy and prosperous family? Does taking sides with the strong, regardless of the justice of their cause, because of their power, exhibit marks of the truly courageous heart? Or, does he display the true moral courage of a Patriot and Philanthropist, who is ever to be found engaged in promoting the cause of virtue and humanity, whether clothed in the purple of affluence or the rags of poverty?—With whom principle and *right* are the ruling, propelling powers?

In this land of liberty and plenty is to be found slavery and destitution in their most galling and cruel forms. In the struggle for freedom, no expression of sympathy is heard for our own fellow-citizens, who are bound hand and foot by the slavish chains of intemperance! When the cry for aid came across the waters for the relief of starving Ireland, hundreds of vessels, laden with bread for the hungry and clothing for the naked, were despatched from the hospitable shores of God-blessed America, to their rescue;—but here at home we have hundreds suffering and dying for the necessities of life, in consequence of the robberies committed upon their once well filled larders, by the rumfiend, and yet no public, national demonstration is made (as in the case of Ireland) to relieve the destitute thousands in our own midst!

We have no complaint to make against these praise-worthy demonstrations in behalf of others—we cheerfully contributed our mite in sympathy and extending relief to these unfortunate and suffering countries—but we would ask, are we to pass by, unheeded and unheard, the voice of lamentation and wretchedness which rises from our own citizens, and raise not a hand for the relief of the suffering in our own midst? If it were a popular move—if the great men of the nation were exerting themselves in stirring up the people to action in this truly benevolent work, what an earnest and enthusiastic rush would be made in behalf of down-trodden humanity! But, thank Heavens, the masses are the rulers and controllers of events in this free government; and we hope yet to see them rise in the majesty of their strength, and frown in to disuse the vile practice of indulgence in intoxicating beverages. If the people will it, the consummation can readily be attained. Enough light use is injurious and ruinous—that the only safeguard is to be found in total abstinence. He, then, who, despite of popular prejudices, formed under the sway of unwholesome and corrupt appetites, will raise his voice for the good of his race, although assailed by the would-be framers of public sentiment, is the truly firm Patriot, humane Philanthropist, and consistent Christian, although he basks not in the cushioned chair of State, his name is not lauded as one of the benevolent of the earth, and he rejoices not in the rustling folds of the gown and surplice. True greatness—real courage, like "charity, vaunteth not itself"—but is content to labor in the cause of humanity, and revel in the enjoyment of an approving conscience.

—We are gratified to learn that the "Ringgold Guards," the handsome and public-spirited Volunteer Corps of our City, have been presented with a beautiful Silver Cup, to be given to the best marksman, at a Target firing, to take place on the 7th of next month. We are pleased to see this spirit manifested by our citizens to foster and encourage a Volunteer Company in our midst. It is a valuable Municipal appendage, and when properly conducted, reflects credit upon the community in which it exists. If the Officers and members of the "Ringgold Guards" desire the Company to remain in a prosperous and flourishing condition, let them avoid the common, though ill-advised practice of receiving "treats" to liquor while on parade. This one agency alone, in our humble opinion, has done more to break down the various splendid Uniform Corps which have been gotten up and flourished but for a day, in our City, than all other causes combined. Temperance men cannot, from principle, unite with a Company that tolerates such things, and the intemperate, it is well known, make very poor soldiers. Let the "Ringgold" remember the fate of previous Companies, and steer clear of a similar overthrow.—Old Alchy can conquer the bravest soldier.

What he Has Been.

It is of no consequence if he has been one of the most abandoned of men. He is not so now. We care not what evil a man has done, provided he has heartily repented and now strives to live an upright consistent life. Instead of looking back a dozen or twenty years to know what a person is, you should enquire, "What is he now? What is his present character?" If you find that his reformation is sincere, and that he laments his past errors, take him cordially by the hand and bid him God speed in his noble pursuit. We are no friend to those who would rake up past sins and vices, to condemn one who is resolved to be upright and virtuous. Many a person is driven back to the paths of vice, who might have become an ornament to society, but for the disposition too common among men, to rake up, and drag to the light, forgotten iniquities.

Good and Evil Scenes.

There are many lovely sights in our world.—There are many scenes upon which we delight to gaze. They are goodly sights—they look well. When we enter the neat parlor of the sober man, and behold him with Bible in hand, while his beloved and happy wife and children are seated around him, attentively listening to the word of life;—now they kneel, and the father pours out his soul in prayer:—this is a lovely picture. To stand in the sanctuary of God, and gaze upon a group of communicants as they surround the sacramental board, for the purpose of commemorating the death and sufferings of Jesus Christ: and this group composed of young and old, children and parents—this is a scene which reaches through the windows of the soul, and touches the tender sensibilities of the inner man, awakening a thousand sacred and pleasurable emotions. Since man must die, what lovelier sight could be exhibited to our view, than his triumph over the last enemy? Behold the righteous man, as the scene of mighty conflict is about to close!—he is calm, tranquil, undismayed;—now he grapples with the grim monster, and though the temple of clay is marred and crushed, the angels to its fall it tremulously utters forth our Lord Jesus Christ!—As we gaze upon such a scene, we almost involuntarily exclaim—"Let me die the death of the righteous." What more noble spectacle, than to witness the courageous youth, or the man who has drank the bitter waters of experience, stand up and with manly voice declare "nether to make, buy, sell or use" any of the dark beverages of hell:—taking lessons in the great moral school of self-government—a lesson which an Alexander, with all his conquering laurels, was unable to practice. Such a scene is well calculated to call forth the admiration of angels.

But the world is not filled with goodly sights. There are many things which look badly. As we have referred to but few of the goodly scenes, we must refer to but a few of the opposite character. Go to the house of the drunkard—see him with bloodshot eyes, as he arises from his bed, with bottle in hand, instead of his bible; his mouth is filled with cursing and bitterness, instead of prayer to God. His house is poorly furnished; his children ragged, his wife broken-hearted; the whole presents a scene of woe, desolation and want; of depravity and wickedness. Does not this look badly? Does it not shock the tenderest sensibilities of the human heart? Yet, upon such a scene you may frequently gaze. Go to the Sanctuary of God, and even there sometimes your eyes will behold a man degraded, miserable and vile, ejected from the sacred court, because of his low, wicked and sacrilegious conduct. Is not this a humiliating sight? Does it not look badly? Go, stand beside the dying couch of the poor inebriate; see him as he is tossed to and fro; witness his heaving nature gives way, and as he sinks into the iron embrace of death, amid the dreadful catastrophe, he shrieks in broken accents—L-o-s-t—L-o-s-t—and sinks into a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell! O! what a horrible sight! Is not this an evil scene indeed? These horrible looking pictures are drawn by the hand of the liquor vender. He is an artist of most revolting and heartless celebrity. Would to God he could never draw another picture. O! that men would cease to patronize him!

We Must Work.

The Mississippi Banner says those who regard the Order, the Sons of Temperance a *self-acting machine*, make a great mistake. Just in proportion as the members *work* is the Order useful, and no further. Attend the meetings, pay up your dues regularly and promptly; influence your friends to join if you possibly can; perform your portion of the necessary work, and your Division will prosper, and the cause of Temperance will move forward. We have no doubt that if the Sons of Temperance would lay hold of this matter, as it is their duty to do, that each man can influence at least one man to join us, and he another, and so on until the greater portion of the community will become temperance men.

On the other hand, stay away from your Division, neglect your dues, say nothing about the cause, except to croak about its going down, and your Division will drag—members will break the pledge, and grogshops fatten graveyards. Brethren, if you would see the Order flourish, then stop your croakings and go to work.

—We learn from the Charlotte Hornets' Nest, that the Hon. Judge O'Neal, of South Carolina, delivered an address before Mecklenburg Division, S. of T., and a large number of citizens, in the Presbyterian Church of that town, on Friday night last. The address is highly spoken of by those who had the good pleasure of being present. The "Sons" expressed themselves to be stronger in the cause, while others declared that they were "almost persuaded" to "join in the army" of the Cold Water men.

A TEMPERANCE TOWN.—In the town of Greenville, Jefferson county, Mississippi, there is not a single male inhabitant over eighteen years who is not a Son of Temperance, nor a lady over eighteen years, who does not belong to the Daughters.—There is not a grogshop in the place, neither has there been a drunken man seen in its streets for six months past, unless, perhaps, it may be some one passing through.

DEFINITIONS.—The northern tribes of Indians call Rum "fire water," the Camanches call it "foot-water," and the Malays "a nail-in-one's coffin." Some Christians call it "a creature of God." Who gives the best definition—the untutored savages, or the Bible-taught Christians.

Literary Notices.

The August number of the Southern Methodist Pulpit is on our table. It contains a Sermon by Rev. John E. Edwards, the former able and popular Pastor of the Methodist Church in this City, which is alone well worth the price of subscription for a year—besides an eloquent sermon by Rev. B. H. Hubbard, interesting "Editorial Miscellany," and valuable Literary Notices. Rev. C. F. Deems, Editor, Greensboro—price \$1.

The National Temperance Magazine is before us, well filled with instructive and entertaining matter. T. M. Coleman & Co., Editors, Philadelphia—price \$1.

Mrs. Whittelsey's Magazine for Mothers, for August, has been received. Published by Henry M. Whittelsey, Brick Church Chapel, New York, at \$1 per annum.

CONGRESS.

THE NEW MEXICO TERRITORIAL BILL having passed the Senate on Thursday evening, the three principal features of the Compromise have been adopted in that body, and the fourth, and only remaining one, the Fugitive Slave Bill, was made the order of the day for Monday last. It is expected the Senate will pass on all the compromise measures.

The Senate refused to allow the protest against the California bill to be entered upon the record by a vote of 22 to 19.

In the Senate on Monday, the order of the day, the Fugitive Slave Bill, was taken up and a long discussion ensued. Various substitutes were proposed, and the Senate finally adjourned without any important action on any of them.

Pearce's Texas boundary bill it is said will pass the House of Representatives by 50 majority.

State Elections.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The official returns show that Reid's majority for Governor is a little over 3000. The Democrats have a majority in both branches of the Legislature and a majority of 14 on joint ballot.

MISSOURI.—Returns from Missouri are in, fully sufficient to ensure the election of four Whigs out of the five members of Congress, and of a majority in the Legislature, which will ensure the election of a Whig Senator in Congress, in place of Colonel Benton.

KENTUCKY.—Kentucky is Whig as usual; but by what majority, is unknown.

INDIANA.—In Indiana, as far as heard from, 15 Whigs and 23 Democrats are elected to the Senate, including those that held over. Twelve not yet ascertained. House 25 Whigs, and 31 Democrats. Both Houses will be as they were last year.

IOWA.—Iowa, George G. Wright, Whig, has been elected member of Congress from the 1st District. The Democrats take the other two.

THE question is no longer who does, but who does not take the papers. Are you a subscriber, sir? No family. Well, whose fault is that? There are lots of women in the world—good, beautiful, true-hearted women—surely you can find one to suit you. Can't afford it. Bah! you mean sneak—you unworthy skulker from matrimonial responsibility—you can afford it—you know it. The money you throw away in liquor, and other headache abettors, would make a decent married man of you. I'd better shut up. No, sir, we won't shut up, if we may dare to use your vulgar language. Go, and get married, and let us hear from you, with your one dollar and a half in advance—and further—

Maidens, wanting lovers true!
You must take the papers!
Swains, who would not idly woo,
You must take the papers!
Won't you take the papers?
Can't you take the papers?
Love's joys below you'll never know,
Unless you take the papers.

Married folks of all degree,
You must take the papers!
You will truly happy be,
If you take the papers.
Won't you take the papers?
Can't you take the papers.
They'll say you are mean and "rather green,"
Unless you take the papers.

—The Daughters of Temperance have potent reasons for exerting their influence against intemperance, for nothing has inflicted so much misery upon their sex as this sin. And they have great encouragement, for their efforts have been greatly blessed already, and their success is equivalent to restoring from the dead the lost husbands, brothers, sons and fathers of the land. These Daughters of Temperance are the true Sisters of Mercy.

—The Corn Crop in North Carolina will not be much over half of the average yield. Immediately in our own section, Corn has suffered severely from drought.

The Tobacco Crop will be the shortest raised in the State for many years back. Tobacco now bears excellent prices in Richmond and Petersburg, and the prospect is for a steady advance.

THE MARKETS.

Tobacco is selling actively in Petersburg at the following prices: Lugs 5 1-2 and 6 3-4; fine do. 8 and 8 1-2; Common Leaf 8 1-2 and 9 3-4; fine do. 10 and 12; Manufacturing 13 to \$21. Cotton is selling at 12 3-4 cents—holders asking 13 for prime. Flour from 5 to \$6 1-2. Bacon in poor demand at 7 1-2 hog round. Herrings from 5 to \$7, according to quality.

In Fayetteville, Cotton is selling at 12 1-4 and 12 3-8, and Flour at 7 1-2.

Editor's Correspondence.

MARGARETTSVILLE, Aug. 5th, 1850.
Bro. GORMAN: Herein inclosed, I send you six dollars, for six subscribers, to the Spirit of the Age—to be sent as here directed.

But for the inconvenience of the present Post Office arrangement, I venture to assert, that you would have at least thirty five subscribers from this neighbourhood. I can assure you, that in no section throughout the broad extent of this State, are the real merits of your paper more happily appreciated, than in this. Almost every body here, both male and female, are converts to the great moral reform of the Sons. And with them, nothing is read with more interest, than that which professes to keep pace with the true Spirit of the Age.

The greatest, and almost the only sticklers here against the interest and advancement of our cause, are—I regret to say—men professing to be followers of Christ. These individuals seem to have imbibed the doctrine, that the *awakening of the Holy Spirit* is a national exercise, and in order to heighten the spirit of enthusiasm, and to give more volubility to what the "mouth speaketh," they must take down a little of the *ardent*. And these are the men who set themselves up as the *lights of the world!!!* Wonder if they ever thought any think about the *white and black sheep*, spoken of in the Scriptures? As to my own part, I am of opinion, that upon that awful occasion, they will find no companionship among either class of those animals; but will have to take their places along with some other species more fond of GUZZLING.

With the promise that you shall hear from me again ere long, I remain very respectfully, yours in L. P. & F.

GOLD HILL, N. C.

Bro. GORMAN: On the 19th of last month, Bro. J. A. Worth, D. G. W. P., with the assistance of other Brethren, opened Gold Hill Section, No. 30, Cadets of Temperance at this place. On the night of the opening of the Section, *fourteen out of sixteen petitioners* came up and were initiated. The Section now numbers twenty four.—I have no doubt of the Section's flourishing, from the fact that not only the Cadets take a great interest in the welfare of the Section, but also the Sons of this Division encourage and assist them, in the undertaking of carrying out their great object of "Virtue, Love, and Temperance."

I will here say to Brethren that live near any Section, assist your little Brother Cadets of Temperance, for they have a mighty work to do with their little hands, and older, stronger minds than theirs. It is not only a great and good work, but it is pleasant and beautiful, to see the little Cadets (that will soon have to take our places in this world) meet weekly and advocate willingly and cheerfully the great cause of Temperance. The opening, initiatory and closing ceremonies are beautiful, and will more than pay any Son of Temperance for his visits to the Section Room. Then Bro. Sons of Temperance I appeal to you all, in name of "Love, Purity and Fidelity," to assist and encourage the Cadets of Temperance in this good work, wherever you may find a Section.

Our Division of the Sons is also waging a mighty war against the monster King Alcohol about this place, and hope it will soon gain a complete and glorious victory.

Our Division has never known a dark day; "no not one," although we have had the strongest of opposition to contend with, yet our batteries stand firm and unshaken, and I hope the day is not far distant when all will not only be friends to our Order, but will join in with us, hand in hand, and with one sweet accord sing triumphantly—"That glorious refuge, it is here! It is here!" The officers elect for the Section are as follows: Jac. C. Barnhardt, W. P. Lew is Moody, W. A. Green C. Culp, V. A. Franklin E. Kern, S. Jno. A. Wren, A. S. James Moody, T. Geo. Stearns, A. T. Alfred Stearns, G. Geo. W. Weant, U. Monroe Hemphill, W., Richard M. Johnson, J. W.

The day after the Section was opened, the Cadets had the pleasure of a celebration with the Sons at this place, which they were highly pleased with, and very much enjoyed.

Yours in, L. P. & F.

AUGUST 13th, 1850. COLUMBUS.

ROCKFISH VILLAGE, Aug. 17th, 1850.

Bro. GORMAN: At a meeting of the officers and members of the Rockfish Division, No. 109, of the Sons of Temperance, in their Division room at 5 P. M. on Saturday evening, met for the purpose of organizing and attending a Temperance Celebration; Bro. A. H. Whitfield, of Lafayette Division was appointed Marshal, and Bro. W. W. McKenzie, of Independent Division, Assistant Marshal, and Bros. John Lamon and James Cain, Aids. The members of Rockfish Division, dressed in their appropriate Regalia, with their Marshals in front, formed in line, placing the Brass band of Fayetteville (whose services had been obtained for the occasion,) in front of the column, and marched out into the street, where they were joined by a large number of the Ladies of the village, who formed in the rear of the Sons, and nearly all the gentlemen in the vicinity, together with a large number from the surrounding